

We claim:

1. A method for structured development of migration options in a legacy transactional enterprise, the method comprising:
  - identifying components of the legacy enterprise;
  - developing risk factors for the components of the legacy enterprise;
  - identifying unmet opportunities;
  - developing risk factors for the unmet opportunities;
  - identifying potential components for the legacy enterprise;
  - developing risk factors for the potential components of the legacy enterprise; and
  - developing the migration options with associated risks using at least the risk factors for the components, the risk factors for the unmet opportunities and the risk factors for the potential components.
2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the components of the legacy enterprise are selected from the group consisting of hardware or software.
3. A method according to claim 1, wherein the unmet opportunities are selected from the group consisting of new hardware, new software or new business methods.
4. A method according to claim 1, wherein the potential components for the legacy enterprise are selected from the group consisting of hardware or software.
5. A method according to claim 1, wherein the potential components for the legacy enterprise include conceptual models of undeveloped capabilities.

6. A method according to claim 1, wherein the risk factors include multiple variables.

7. A method according to claim 1, wherein the risk factors are selected from the group consisting of cost or schedule.

8. A method according to claim 1, wherein the migration options with associated risk factors are selected from the group consisting of existing components or conceptual models of undeveloped capabilities.

9. A method according to claim 1, wherein the associated risks of the migration options are derived from the risk factors for the components of the legacy enterprise, the risk factors for the unmet opportunities, and the risk factors for the potential components of the legacy enterprise.

10. Computer executable software code transmitted as an information signal, the code for structured development of migration options in a legacy transactional enterprise, the code comprising:

code to capture identity of components of the legacy enterprise;

code to capture risk factors for the components of the legacy enterprise;

code to capture identity of unmet opportunities;

code to capture risk factors for the unmet opportunities;

code to capture identity of potential components for the legacy enterprise;

code to capture risk factors for the potential components of the legacy enterprise;

and

code to develop the migration options with associated risks using at least the risk factors for the components, the risk factors for the unmet opportunities and the risk factors for the potential components.

11. A computer-readable medium having computer executable software code stored thereon, the code for structured development of migration options in a legacy transactional enterprise, the code comprising:

code to capture identity of components of the legacy enterprise;

code to capture risk factors for the components of the legacy enterprise;

code to capture identity of unmet opportunities;

code to capture risk factors for the unmet opportunities;

code to capture identity of potential components for the legacy enterprise;

code to capture risk factors for the potential components of the legacy enterprise;

and

code to develop the migration options with associated risks using at least the risk factors for the components, the risk factors for the unmet opportunities and the risk factors for the potential components.

12. A programmed computer for structured development of migration options in a legacy transactional enterprise, comprising:

a memory having at least one region for storing computer executable program code; and

a processor for executing the program code stored in the memory; wherein the program code comprises:

code to capture identity of components of the legacy enterprise;

code to capture risk factors for the components of the legacy enterprise;

code to capture identity of unmet opportunities;

code to capture risk factors for the unmet opportunities;

code to capture identity of potential components for the legacy enterprise;

code to capture risk factors for the potential components of the legacy enterprise;

and

code to develop the migration options with associated risks using at least the risk factors for the components, the risk factors for the unmet opportunities and the risk factors for the potential components.